

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-24 are canceled. Claims 25-27 have been amended to more closely resemble the claims allowed for United States Application No. 09/882,814, to which the present application claims priority and which is incorporated in the present application by reference in its entirety for all purposes. Claims 28-34 are canceled.

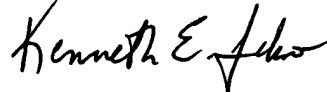
Therefore, no new matter will be added with entry of these amendments.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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